

Today's Stocks

Here is a partial list of NEAR-CLOSING prices for today on the New York and American stock exchanges, supplied through the courtesy of FIRST CALIFORNIA CO., 50 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa. Telephone (707) 545-4810 or (from Petaluma) 795-3931.

Alcoa 54 1/2	Gen Foods 25 3/4	PG&E 29 1/2
Am Air Ln 28 3/4	Gen Motors 75 3/4	Pac Pw & Lt 22 1/2
Am T&T 43 3/4	Gen T&T 27 1/2	Pac Tel 16 1/4
Beth Steel 30 3/4	Ga Pacific 41 1/2	Pan Am 13 3/4
Boeing 22 1/2	Goodrich 28 1/2	JC Penney 82 1/2
Borg Warn 41	Goodyear 30 3/4	RCA 36 1/2
Bris Myers 69	Greyhound 18	Reynolds In 67 1/2
Chrysler 30 3/4	Gulf Oil 24 1/2	Safeway 36
Coca-Cola 145 1/2	Honeywell 158 1/2	Sears 106 1/2
Colg Palm 79 1/4	IBM 414 1/2	So Cal Ed 26 1/2
Con Ed 24 1/2	Int'l Paper 37 1/2	So Pacific 46 1/2
Crown Zel 26 3/4	Int'l Tel 52 1/2	Std Oil Cal 66 1/4
Disney 198 1/2	Jhns Man 31 3/4	Std Oil NJ 79 1/2
Dow Chem 96 1/2	Kaiser Ind 67 1/2	Texaco 34 1/2
Dupont 181 1/4	Kennecott 23 1/2	Trans Am 19 1/2
East Kodak 136 3/4	Lucky Stores 13 1/2	Union Oil 33 1/2
El Paso 18 1/4	McDon Doug 36 1/2	Un Pac 53 1/2
Ford 65 1/2	Merk 83 1/2	United Air 37 1/4
For McKess 22 1/4	Minn Min 85	US Steel 29 1/2
Gen Elec 67 1/2	Mobil 65 1/4	Westn Bank 35 1/4
	Nat'l Cash 34	Westinghouse 43

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Prices made small gains in today's stock market but lacked momentum for a real push. Trading was moderate.

At 2 p.m., the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was up 3.54 to 964.93. Gaining issues were ahead of declining ones on the New York Stock Exchange by about 8 to 5.

"The market has had a rest period in the last three days before making a forward move," said Charles M. Lewis of Treves & Co. "We look for a good market from here into September."

In the fourth day of a confrontation between the government and the major auto producers over price increases, auto issues firmed up after General Motors offered to reduce its increases by about one-third. American Motors and Chrysler resisted the govern-

ment's move.

American Motors was off 1/4 to 9 1/4 and Ford was unchanged at 65 1/4, but General Motors gained 1/4 to 75 3/4 and Chrysler was ahead 3/4 to 30 3/4.

The Big Board's volume leader was Franklin Mint, down 2 1/2 to 37 1/2. A block of 346,000 shares sold at 36. The company said it knew of no reason for the decline.

Also active was Sears, down 3/4 to 107. A block of 316,900 shares moved at 105. Sears reported higher earnings but the rate of gain disappointed some investors, brokers said.

On the American Stock Exchange the volume leader was Technical Tape, up 1/4 to 3 1/2 after forecasting improved earnings.

The Big Board index was up 24 to 61.53 at 2 p.m., and the price change index of the Amex was ahead .03 to 26.95.

Pacific Stocks

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Prices were up in moderately active trading at midmorning today on the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange with gaining issues outnumbering losers 132 to 75 with 57 unchanged. Gainers included UAL 1/4; General Electric 1/4; Union Oil of California 1/4; Chrysler and Southern California Edison 1/4; PG&E traded at 28 1/2, up 1/4.

Fairchild Fluor Corp., General Motors and Phillips Petroleum were up 1/4; American Telephone, Flying Tiger Standard Oil of California, United Aircraft, 1/4.

Losing were Xerox 1/4; Caterpillar Tractor 1/4; Bethlehem Steel and RCA 1/4; Communications Satellite 1/4.

Weather

Petaluma Area

Fair through Saturday but patchy low clouds or fog tonight and early Saturday morning. Little temperature change. Low tonight and high Saturday 50-84. Southerly wind 10 to 15 mph afternoons.

Temperatures

High Yesterday 83
Low This Morning 52
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Sierra Nevada

Fair through Saturday but with some cloudiness north Saturday.

Bay Area

Fair through Saturday with patchy night and morning low clouds increasing near coast tonight. Little temperature change. Highs upper 60s to low 80s. Lows 50s. Westerly wind 10 to 20 mph.

Norcal

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Mostly fair weather is predicted through Saturday except for increasing clouds in the extreme north with chance of showers or thundershowers and local gusty winds tonight and Saturday.

Night and morning low clouds are forecast along most of the coast, where westerly winds from 10 to 20 miles per hour are expected. Temperatures are predicted to warm slightly in the northern mountains.

Fourth Coast Storm Victim Found

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — A Coast Guard search has turned up the body of a fourth victim of a freak, wind-whipped storm that lashed the California-Oregon coast Wednesday.

The body of Dennis Emmet Main, 44, of Crescent City, was sighted by a Coast Guard helicopter Thursday evening floating in the ocean about one mile southwest of the St. George Lighthouse, officials said. The body was fully clothed and wearing an inflated life jacket.

Main and his son were aboard the 32-foot Bounding Main—one of four fishing boats that never returned from the storm, which battered the seas from here north to Brookings, Ore., with up to 80 mile per hour winds.

The Coast Guard said rescue planes and vessels resumed a search for the missing boats this morning.

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GM Taking

Auto Safety

Measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — In response to a government warning to consumers, General Motors says it will install special shields on most of its full-sized 1971 and 1972 models to prevent possible loss of steering control.

The GM announcement came Thursday after publication by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of a "consumer protection bulletin" warning owners of 3.5 million 1971 and 1972 GM cars that rocks or gravel could lock up steering control.

The NHTSA bulletin said all full-size Pontiacs, Buicks, Oldsmobiles and Chevrolets are susceptible to gravel or rocks becoming lodged in the lower frame of the vehicles, at the steering coupling at the base of the steering column.

In a statement issued in Detroit, GM said:

"We are aware of this situation and have been cooperating with the NHTSA in its investigation. The conditions under which certain sized stones from gravel roads may lodge in the steering coupling are so unusual and the occurrences so rare that we do not believe this constitutes a hazard to our customers . . .

"We have sent bulletins to all dealers advising them of the availability of a simple shield that can be installed to prevent the possibility of stones becoming lodged in the steering shaft coupling of full-sized 1971 and 1972 vehicles. For those owners who may operate their vehicles under such unusual conditions GM dealers will install this shield without charge to the owners of these 1971-72 model cars regardless of age or mileage."

Ralph Nader's Center for Auto Safety said GM had been aware of the problem at least since March, and in May sent dealers instructions about the gravel shield which costs about 50 cents and takes 10 minutes to install.

Hells Angels

Found Guilty In

Stomping Death

OAKLAND (AP)—Two members of the Hells Angels motorcycle club have been found guilty of second-degree murder in the beating and stomping death of a man whose hand shake offended them.

After a two-week trial, a Superior Court jury returned the verdict Thursday against Russell S. Beyer, 30, and Marvin Gilbert, 29, who the prosecution said became angered by a thumb clasp "power" handshake with which Bradley Parkhurst, 25, greeted them when he came to their home to inspect a motorcycle they were selling.

The two Hells Angels then took turns holding Parkhurst, an Alameda longshoreman, at sword point while the other beat and stomped him to death, the prosecution contended.

The defense said the pair had no intention of killing Parkhurst.

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GOP Tunes Up With Attacks On Demos

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Preliminaries for next week's Republican convention are turning into a forum for attacks on Democratic presidential nominee George McGovern and mark the opening stages in the battle for control of the GOP in 1976.

A floor fight over the shape of the 1976 convention was assured Thursday when the Republican National Committee approved a delegate allotment plan supported by GOP leaders and party conservatives that favors the smaller, more solid Republican states.

Party moderates, claiming states likely to back Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for the 1976 Republican presidential nomination favor the plan, hope to reverse the action at next week's convention. Even if they fail, the plan is sure to be challenged in the federal courts.

The final public session of the Platform Committee produced a sharp attack by William Ruckelshaus, the Nixon administration's environmental chief, on McGovern's antipollution proposals.

Other Republicans fired a steady barrage of criticism at the Democratic nominee for sending former White House press secretary Pierre Salinger to determine whether the North Vietnamese still planned to hold all U.S. prisoners until the Vietnam war ends.

"His meddling is reckless," declared Sen. Gordon Allott of Colorado. "Shocking and an absolute outrage," said Michigan's Sen. Robert P. Griffin.

Their criticism and a White House statement that the Salinger mission could jeopardize the peace talks were countered quickly by the campaigning McGovern.

In Racine, Wis., the South Da-

kota senator said that hopes for any serious peace talks are being jeopardized by what he termed "a highly publicized global junket" by national security adviser Henry A. Kissinger on the eve of the GOP convention.

The major unfinished business of convention preliminaries was drafting a platform for Republicans to run on this fall.

First installments due out today were to deal with military and foreign policy and were expected to praise Nixon's winding-down of the Vietnam war and to pledge a cease-fire in Indochina once all U.S. prisoners are freed.

Rep. Margaret Heckler of Massachusetts, a member of a subcommittee working on women's rights plank, said, "there wasn't even much discussion" of a proposal to urging repeal of laws against abortion.

The abortion issue still could

be raised on the floor next Tuesday by any delegate, but it would take the majority of six delegations to force a roll-call on that or any issue.

Sufficient votes do seem available to force a roll-call vote on the reapportionment plan. Opponents of the plan approved on a voice vote by the national committee are mostly from large, urban states. They see a better chance of overturning it in the full convention than in the committee where each state has three votes.

The plan adopted by the committee gives each state a base of votes reckoned from its electoral vote. But each state carried by the GOP in the 1972 election gets 4 1/2 bonus delegates, whether the state is California or Alaska, while additional bonus votes would depend on the electoral vote of the states carried by the Republicans.

Opponents said that any plan that awards bonus delegates by states would be ruled unconstitutional by the federal courts.

A rival plan promoted by delegates from larger states would give bonus delegates according to the GOP vote in each congressional district with additional ones for election of Republican governors, senators or congressmen.

The national committee approved without dissent reforms in the delegate selection process aimed at producing equality for women within the GOP and increasing the number of young people and minorities among the delegates.

On the Democratic side, McGovern said in Milwaukee that he is exploring ways in which the government might use tax money to aid religious schools. He also renewed his call for an impartial panel to investigate the June 17 break-in and attempted bugging of Democratic headquarters in Washington.

In Denver, McGovern running mate Sargent Shriver told an airport news conference he believes "in my heart" that AFL-CIO President George Meany will vote for the Democratic ticket in November even if he doesn't publicly endorse it.

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'Phone Phreaking' Lures More Addicts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Despite stiff fines and long jail terms, "phone phreaking" — the use of an innocent-looking "blue box" to call free anywhere in the world — is apparently on the increase.

Phone company officials say there were 45 arrests of phone phreaks across the nation in 1971, compared to only six in 1970. There have been seven arrests in California this year.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, phone phreak sources estimate from 7,000 to 10,000 of the "blue boxes" are in use. The blue box device is a homemade device about the size of a transistor radio which contains 13 numbered buttons on the front resembling a touch-tone telephone.

By duplicating the call-tone tones sometimes heard in the background on long distance telephone calls, the blue box enables phreaks to control the phone company's long-distance switching systems and call free anywhere.

Are phone phreaks hard-core criminals? Nick Clainos, a San Francisco attorney who represents phone phreaks, thinks not.

"They're electronic geniuses who got sidetracked. Most quit phreaking after their first brush with the law," he said.

That brush can be painful. Possession of a blue box is against federal law—convictions can bring five years in prison or \$5,000 fine.

"When I got arrested, I almost had to keep from smiling in the police car," said one phone phreak. "I knew I was on the way to getting what I'd wanted for years—a job with the phone company."

"I think the phone company could improve service by hiring more phreaks," he said. "But the company's afraid. They don't know how much we know. They don't trust us."

"It's difficult to estimate how many blue boxes are in use . . . or how much revenue the phone company has lost because of toll fraud," said Bob Brown, a Pacific Telephone spokesman.

Brown added, however, that phreaking is "widespread and increasing" and that telephone companies are utilizing "specialized sophisticated electronic devices and techniques" in their attempts to curtail phreaking.

Quarterly Surge In U.S. Economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has issued a prosperous report for the April-June quarter: the economy grew more than expected, corporate profits increased strongly, and inflation was lower than anticipated.

The Commerce Department said Thursday the Gross National Product grew at a 9.4-percent rate in the second quarter, better than the 8.9-percent estimate of a month ago.

The GNP revision made the quarter the highest since the fourth quarter of 1965, when the economy also advanced by 9.4 percent.

The GNP is the total market value of the nation's goods and services and the broadest measure of the economy. The Nixon administration says it will be hard to sustain the second-quarter growth. The department said the GNP from April through June rose \$30.3 billion to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$113.9 trillion.

During the first three months of 1972, the economy grew at a 6.5-percent rate while inflation—caused by a price bulge after the freeze—rose by 5.1 percent.

Corporate pretax profits increased at an annual rate of \$4.9 billion, the department said. The increase brings the profits figure to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$93.1 billion in the second quarter.

Only two weeks ago, Commerce officials told industry sources privately that second-quarter corporate profits increased by \$8 billion or more, a forecast mainly based on glittering profit reports by big corporations. But the department revised its estimate when more data came in.

The department said the inflation rate was 1.8 percent, lower than the earlier estimate of 2.1 percent. It was the lowest rate registered since the last three months of 1971, when the wage-price freeze played a major role.

Edith Irving To Be Released

NEW YORK (AP) — Edith Irving was to be released from jail today after serving a two month sentence for her admitted role in the Howard Hughes "autobiography" hoax masterminded by her husband Clifford.

Irving planned to meet his wife at the Nassau County Jail here and take her to Sarasota, Fla., until Aug. 28 when he is due to surrender to begin a 2 1/2 year prison term in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Irving still faces Swiss charges of allegedly using a forged passport and a stolen identity card to deposit and later transfer in Swiss banks \$650,000 McGraw-Hill, Inc. paid Irving for Hughes.

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